

# Yoda's species

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"*They have Master Yoda's species listed as Lannik, and his midi-chlorian count at 4 million. That's just ridiculous!*"

—Coleman Trebor

The **Jedi Master Yoda** was the best-known member of a [species](#) whose true name is not recorded. Known in some sources simply as **Yoda's species**, this species of small carnivorous [humanoids](#) produced several well-known members of the [Jedi Order](#) during the time of the [Galactic Republic](#).

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### Biology and appearance



Members of the species worshipping an idol

The name and homeworld of this species are unknown.

Members of the species were much shorter than an average [Human](#), most standing below 70 centimeters, with lifespans of many hundreds of years (though their average lifespan is unknown because all known members of the species were [Jedi](#), who generally lived longer than ordinary members of a species). Adults of the species were characterized by sharp, elfin ears, ridges on their foreheads, [tridactyl](#) hands and (most commonly) [anisodactyl](#) feet. Their leathery skin and blood were both light green. Their sharp teeth suggested a carnivorous diet. The diet of the most famous member of the species, Jedi Master Yoda, consisted of nutriment most other beings considered disgusting.

This species resembled the [Lannik species](#), both having a short stature, large pointed ears, and, in some cases, a topknot of hair. Whether this species was related to the Lannik is uncertain, though Yoda was at least once mistaken for a Lannik. A genetic connection between the two species was unlikely, though, because Lannik were much more [humanoid](#) and appeared to have evolved from simians, while the unknown tridactyl species had features that suggested an amphibian or reptilian ancestry.

All known members were very wise and had extraordinary [Force potential](#). Most of them, though not all, spoke an idiosyncratic dialect of [Galactic Basic Standard](#), utilizing nonstandard grammar and formalized sentence construction. Members of this elusive species were rarely seen in [the known galaxy](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

### Notable members

Yoda, the most famous member of this species, was the Jedi [Grand Master](#) during the time of the [Galactic Republic](#) for over two centuries and one of the most powerful Jedi in the history of the Order. Master Yoda died from natural causes at the age of 900 standard years.

Two other Jedi, [Yaddle](#) and [Vandar Tokare](#), were also powerful [Masters](#) who both sat on the [Jedi Councils](#) on [Coruscant](#) and on [Dantooine](#) respectively. A fourth Jedi Master of said species, [Oteg](#), served during the [Cold War](#). A fifth, lesser-known Jedi of this species, Jedi Knight [Minch](#), served the Jedi Order around 700 BBY. Although little is known about him, he proved himself quite able in the ways of the Force when he single-handedly defeated a [Dark Jedi Master](#) in combat. In contrast to the other four masters, who had all shown exceptional calmness and self-control at all times, Minch had a slightly more fiery temperament and was known to have once lost his cool when subjected to [Dun Moch](#).

A statue of an unknown Jedi of this species was inside the [Valley of the Jedi](#) on [Ruusan](#).

### Behind the scenes

For reasons unknown, [George Lucas](#) maintained a strict policy of keeping the history, name, origin, and whereabouts of this species unknown. When asked what species Yoda is, Lucas has only joked, "He's a frog." In the documentary "From Puppets to Pixels," he joked that Yoda is "the illegitimate child of [Kermit the Frog](#) and [Miss Piggy](#)."

Prior to the creation of [Yaddle](#) for *The Phantom Menace*, [Lucasfilm](#) actively discouraged licensees from exploring Yoda's species, wishing to avoid confirming that an entire species of Yoda-like individuals even necessarily existed. Lines cut from *Revenge of the Sith* simply refer to the species as "Yoda's species."

Lucas's policy has resulted in certain *Star Wars* publications being canceled. A significant example was when Lucasfilm (likely at the direction of George Lucas) ordered the pulping of the entire print run of a yet-to-be-released *Star Wars* trading card depicting a group of the unknown tridactyl species worshipping a larger-than-life statue of one of their number, led in prayer by an individual who may have been intended to be Yoda.

*The Essential Guide to Characters* listed Yoda's homeworld as [Dagobah](#). However, newer material states that Yoda was not born there.

[Santa Claus](#) appears to be a member of Yoda's species (as shown in *Star Wars Adventure Journal 8*), though this is an [Easter egg](#) and therefore is non-canon in [Legends](#). In *Star Wars: X-Wing*, which also includes a cameo of Santa Claus, [what appears to be](#) a member of this species can be seen on the floor of a hanger of the starship *Independence*.



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Biological classification	
Designation	Sentient
Physical characteristics	
Average height	0.7 <a href="#">meters</a>
Skin color	Greenish-brown
Distinctions	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Long, pointed ears</li><li>Tridactyl hands</li><li>Anisodactyl feet</li></ul></div>
Average lifespan	Unknown (up to 900 <a href="#">Standard years</a> )
Sociocultural characteristics	
Members	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Minch</a></li><li><a href="#">Oteg</a></li><li><a href="#">Vandar Tokare</a></li><li><a href="#">Yaddle</a></li><li><a href="#">Yoda</a></li><li><a href="#">Unidentified Jedi</a></li></ul></div>

[Source]



Jedi Master Yoda



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